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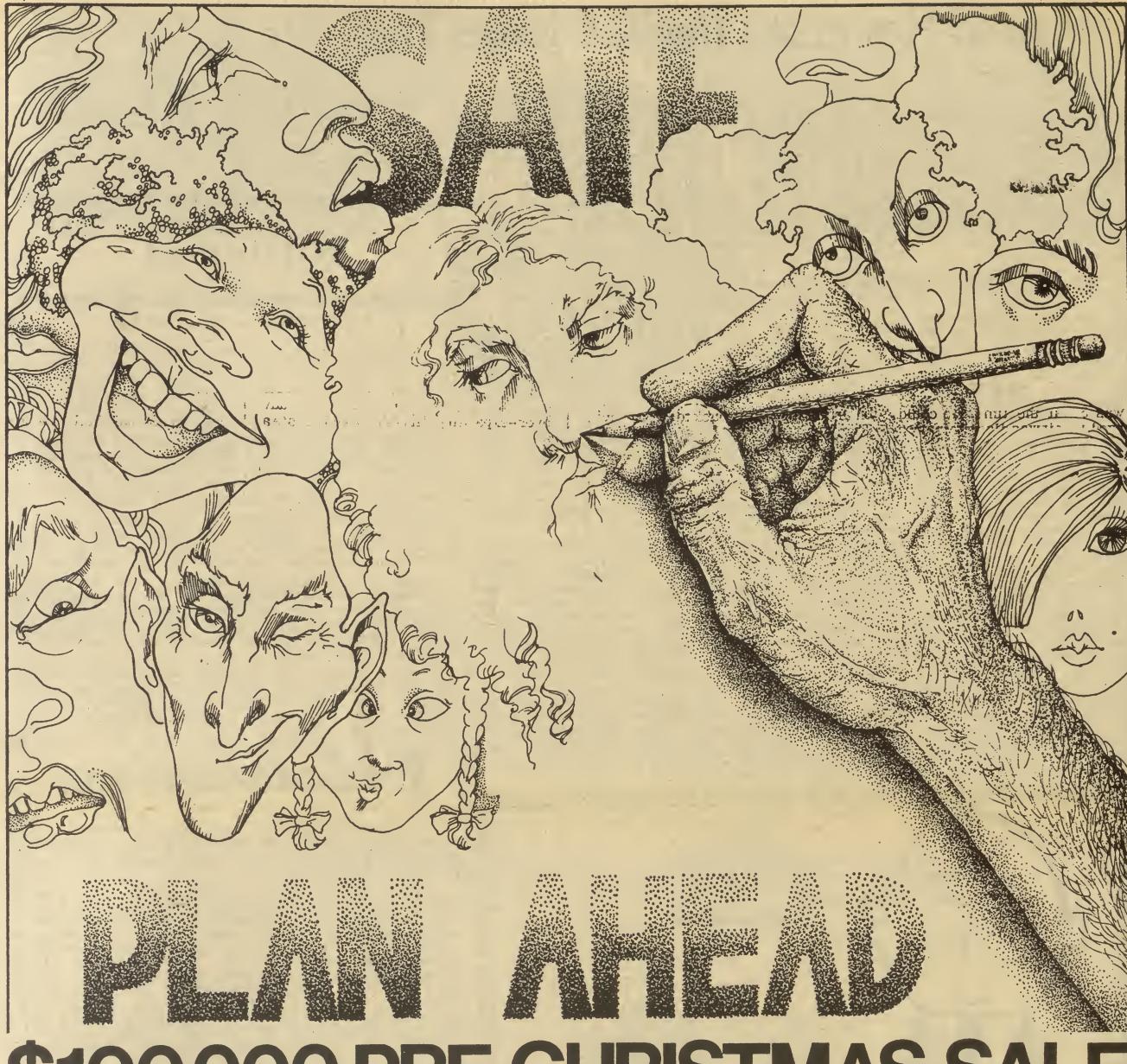
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Board Reverses Itself, Closes Polk St.

Wayne Friday

The Board of Supervisors, acting on a request from the Mayor, reversed a decision of last week against closing Polk Street on Halloween night, and voted this Monday to close the street from Clay to Post Streets between the hours of 7PM Monday evening and 2AM Tuesday morning.

Only last Monday the Board refused on a 7-4 vote to close Polk Street for the annual celebration despite a request from the Police Dept. to do so; however, at last week's meeting the Fire Dept. expressed concern that they would not be able to move equipment in the area in case of a fire. This week the Fire Dept. said they had worked out an arrangement with the Police and thereby joined with the Police, the Polk Street Merchants' Ass'n and others in urging that the street be closed. After two hours of debate, much of which was spent by Barbagelata talking about teen-age prostitution and the like, and reminding the Board he had a family of eight and hoped they would not have to see people walking down the street "exposing themselves." Barbagelata assured those present that Pelosi and Kopp, both he had no particular segment of the community in mind, but at the very time he was speaking, his of-

fice was issuing a press release attacking the "Homosexual Halloween Celebration" on Polk Street.

Dianne Feinstein could not make up her mind, seemingly changing it a couple of times during the debate. Once she said that based on the assurance from the Fire and Police Depts. that closing the street was necessary, she announced she would vote for the closing. Feinstein then took the floor for 15 minutes of lecturing the Gay community and preaching her brand of moralism and yet when the roll was called promptly changed her mind again and voted against the closing. In the end, it was politics winning out in Dianne's case.

As Terry Francois noted after the vote, he could understand the problem. Feinstein would have voting for the closing then having to go out to a neighborhood candidates night that very night and explain to her conservative constituency her vote to close the street (a vote her district conservatives were sure to interpret as a pro-Gay vote). It was the same problem for Pelosi and Kopp, both from conservative areas. Both Terry Francois and Peter Tamaras, who had voted against closing last

week, switched and voted to close this time around. One reliable source indicated that the switch of Francois' and Tamaras' votes actually came about by Kopp urging them to

vote for the closing - the idea being he (Kopp) wanted the street closed, but to be on the safe side with his district voters, he decided to vote against the closing after being certain that the switch of votes by Tamaras and Francois would assure the closing. Francois wouldn't admit it to me, but neither he nor Tamaras are seeking re-election this year, and I suspect they switched their votes upon urging from Kopp.

Voting with Francois and Tamaras to close the street were Gonzalez, Murphy, Lau and John Molinari (who led the arguments for closing the street).

Deputy Police Chief Jerry Taylor, responding to complaints, mostly from Barbagelata and Nelder, that orgies and the like had taken place last year, assured Barbagelata that police photographers would be in the crowd Monday night on Polk to photograph any illegal conduct as evidence for possible prosecution. Barbagelata, realizing he had lost his fight, rambled on about one group taking over the

city," etc., and "people exposing themselves," while Nelder, a former police chief, disagreed with the current police brass asking that the street be closed and muttered something about the "pandering and pimping of kids," etc.

Polk Street will be closed from 7PM Monday until 2AM Tuesday.

Editorial

POLK STREET & HALLOWEEN

One thing every Gay person knows who has ever experienced a Gay San Francisco Halloween is that Gays on "Our Night" have never set out to destroy property, brawl, threaten, maraud, prey upon the innocent. For Gays it has been always a night of costume, of promenade, high spirits and good cheer.

There were moments last year along Polk Street that were just this side of the ugly, the incendiary, the offensive. The taunts, the challenges, the rowdy drunkenness - were NOT the doings of the Gay community. The sleaziness was a new import.

We're glad it has come to the attention of the City Fathers. We applaud their going out on a limb to do something about it. We appreciate the merchants, the police, the politicians, the monitors.

And yet - what specifically does the Gay community have to apologize for? Are we supposed to trade feathers and rhinestones for sack cloth and ashes? It seems to us that the unsavory that suddenly worries everyone is homosexual and homophobia. It is not Gay!

One wonders... why bother with Polk Street at all? It's become a bum rap. We have other places to go and other things to do to amuse ourselves with. Maybe we should all go to Broadway - after all, who goes there anymore...

Endorsements

The editorial staff of the B.A.R., in conjunction with publisher Bob Ross, met October 8 to recommend the superior candidates for Supervisor in the November 8 election.

The criteria were several: How does the candidate respond to Human Rights and, in particular, Gay Rights and Gay Issues (i.e. the Gay Center; anti-discrimination ordinances to include sexual orientation in hiring, housing and public accommodations; appointment of Gays to City commissions and panels; funding for Gay services and the Gay Day Parade). For incumbents, what has been their record vis a vis Gay Rights (not words, but action and accomplishments). For Gay candidates, what has been their record of responsibility and accountability. In addition, what candidate would best represent the interests of their particular district.

We did not select from either a "throw the bums out" attitude or stick with the old guard. We found some incumbents superior to challengers and some newcomers preferable to incumbents - and we followed no party line.

We were aware that we did not know enough about all 137 candidates, that certain districts (i.e. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) concerned us more than others, and that some choices were simple (i.e. District 6) and a few most difficult - if not painful (i.e. District 3).

Finally, we have always believed that competent and responsible Gay persons should be sitting on the Board of Supervisors.

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Churches Warned: Stay Out Of Gay Politics

SACRAMENTO - Churches that become substantially involved in collecting signatures for an anti-homosexual initiative could jeopardize their tax-exempt status, an assistant attorney general says.

Edward Hollingshead, chief of Atty. Gen. Evelle Younger's tax law section, said that churches' income tax exemption bars "substantial involvement" in attempting to influence legislation.

In the specific area of collecting signatures for the initiative supported by Sen. John Briggs (R-Fullerton), Hollingshead said the state Franchise Tax Board and Internal

Revenue Service would have to examine each church's record "on a case-by-case basis."

Briggs has called on churches to help him collect signatures for the initiative, which asks that school boards be able to fire a teacher for advocating or publicly discussing homosexuality.

Briggs is gathering more than 300,000 signatures needed to place the measure on the June ballot next year.

He said he believes churches can involve their members in politics because "in America we have freedom of religion, not freedom from religion."

Hollingshead said a church's "one-shot activity may not be substantial enough to imperil their exemption." He said that issue would have to be decided by the Franchise Tax Board and the Internal Revenue Service.

"They'd have to look at all a church's activities and determine what portion was spent" gathering signatures for such an initiative, he said.

Paul Hardman, chairman of Pride Foundation, has been alerting the various Gay churches that they, too, are vulnerable. Hardman told the B.A.R. that as of a first of the year (77) IRS ruling, any church's tax-exempt status is subject to investigation. "The rules," he said, "are now much more restrictive with regard to a church and political activity."

Substantial involvement is no longer the criterion. The IRS has ruled about churches and political activity:

"Attempts to influence legislation are not limited to direct appeals to members of the legislature. Also included are appeals to the electorate, asking them to contact legislators. This includes all appeals to the general public, not merely those that contain a request to contact a legislator or take other specific action.

"Similarly, requesting executives to support or oppose legislation is included. If the underlying purpose is the advocacy of particular legislation, then there has been an attempt to influence legislation within the meaning of the Code."

Hardman also stated, "Gay churches must look at the handwriting on the wall - they are the most vulnerable to attack should the government begin enforcing the tax law prohibitions."

Suit Filed To Seek Withdrawal Of Briggs Initiative

SAN FRANCISCO - A lawsuit was filed October 17 in the California Supreme Court seeking withdrawal of the initiative sponsored by Senator John Briggs (R-Fullerton), which is now being circulated for signatures.

The controversial initiative would jeopardize the jobs of California public schoolteachers who are homosexual as well as teachers who "advocate private or public homosexual activity."

The lawsuit was brought by David Goldman, a San Francisco teacher. It asks the Supreme Court to order the Attorney General to withdraw the initiative on the grounds that the title and summary do not conform to the California Elections Code.

The lawsuit alleges that the title and summary under which the initiative is being circulated are grossly misleading.

The Elections Code requires that the title and summary adequately inform the persons asked to sponsor such an initiative measure of its main purpose and effects.

According to Donald Knutson, one of the attorneys for the petitioner, "From its summary, one would expect that this initiative deals only with teachers who have made homosexual advances to their students, or those who commit public sex crimes, or those who advocate the commission of such crimes.

"If that was its purpose, the initiative would not be necessary at all. California law presently deals with such cases even more severely than would the initiative."

The lawsuit alleges that the title and summary differ from the initiative in two major aspects:

1. The summary purports to deal only with criminal conduct when, in fact, the initiative applies the same sanctions to conduct that is perfectly legal under California law.

2. The title and summary make no mention of the fact that the initiative places severe restrictions on the freedom of speech of all California teachers, teachers aides, administrators and counselors. The initiative would have a chilling effect on the ability of school personnel to discuss the subject of homosexuality in public or private, in school or out of school, for fear they will lose their jobs.

According to Knutson, a director of the Pride Foundation, this is an unprecedented action.

"The courts are reluctant to interfere with the initiative process, except in extraordinary cases. This is such a case. An important effect of this initiative will be to place substantial limitations on the civil liberties of all teachers in California. The least the law should require is that the persons asked to sponsor it have some idea of what they're signing and what its effects would be," he said.

December Speakout Plans Advance

by Bruce Pettit

December Speakout plans to denounce the Briggs initiative as a threat to all civil liberties have gained momentum in at least five areas of California.

A December 3 event in San Francisco is being coordinated by the Bay Area Committee Against the Briggs Initiative (BACABI). Plans are also advancing in San Diego, Los Angeles, Fresno and the Santa Clara Valley.

BACABI has called an open general meeting for Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7pm at 330 Grove Street, for community input on the Speakout plans. Meanwhile, it has urged open participation in its Sunday steering committee sessions, which are lining up Gay and non-Gay speakers as well as outreach and publicity for the event. The Oct. 30 meeting is set for 4pm at 23rd & Capp Streets, but subsequent Sunday gatherings will likely be at 330 Grove.

The Gay Academic Union at San Francisco State University has slated a Saturday, Nov. 5, open forum to discuss the role college campuses can have for Dec. 3 and afterwards. It will begin at 10am at S.F. State's Student Union.

BACABI became a single-focused group Oct. 13 after a general meeting called by San Francisco's Coalition for Human Rights attracted 300 people. Temporary co-chairpersons are Paula Lichtenberg and Michael Mank.

Gay leaders around the state feel they must proceed under an assumption that the Briggs initiative will qualify. Petitions circulated by the California Save Our Children organization must be filed by Dec. 2 to qualify the anti-Gay initiative for a June 6, 1978, decision by the state's voters. The Dec. 3 Speakouts are seen as the initial counter-attack coinciding with any qualification.

State Sen. John Briggs (R-Fullerton) has proposed that anyone "practicing or advocating

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homosexuality" be curtailed from employment in public schools at the discretion of local boards of education.

Groups coordinating the Speakouts will also form the nucleus of a state convention Dec. 9-11 in Los Angeles to elect an anti-Briggs campaign committee. The California Conference to Defeat the Briggs Initiative

is a coalition evolved from a Sept. 24 Sacramento conference - is its signature-gathering effort. Anyone may fort.

ner/Wagner to serve as a original announced intention to carry her campaign against homosexuals to California.

"At least this lawsuit will keep her out of California," said Paul Hardman, chairperson of the Pride Foundation.

The deposition is being conducted by chief counsel John Vaisey, a Pride Foundation Director, who is volunteering his time.

The deposition is a series of questions to be answered under oath, not unlike examination at a trial.

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First Hollywood Bowl Figures

HOLLYWOOD - In an interview with Ralph Goldman, Los Angeles accountant, Ace London of PCT filed the following report:

Ralph Goldman of the Segel and Goldman firm in Los Angeles is the man handling the accounting of the books, only one of a panel of five selected to watch-dog the operations. This panel consists of two S.O.H.R. members (Nancy Roth and Richard Morell), two Russo Productions members (Russo and attorney Gerald Edelstein), and Ralph Goldman.

Prior to this encounter, Goldman had only met Russo a few years ago in Hawaii, a brief few minutes of social introduction. He had never met or known any of the S.O.H.R. members or attorney Edelstein, who selected Goldman and asked him to help.

Goldman stated, "I became involved because I believe in the overall program."

"The facts are good," he said. "As far as we can ascertain at this time, nobody had their hand in the cookie jar. The Gay community should gain."

I spoke with Goldman at his home. He did not have the exact figures in front of him but stated that approximately \$355,000 was grossed from the event.

The books have not as yet received a final audit. As Goldman stated, "All suppliers must submit final bills before we can close out the books. Bills are still coming in as of today."

The Hollywood Bowl box office was trustee of all income monies. They turned over their accounting to Goldman Oct. 1.

In pre-concert press meetings, Russo had stated they hoped to raise \$450,000. But of the total

17,436 seats available for sale at the Bowl, approximately 2,000 of the \$30, \$10 and \$5 seats were not sold.

Russo had also previously stated that he anticipated production costs for the event to be in the vicinity of \$250,000. Goldman says it looks like S.O.H.R. will receive around \$125,000 minimum, but wouldn't know the exact figure until all bills had been received. The Gay community will have the exact accounting when it's completed, Goldman assured. "If, in fact, anyone is mis-using their power or funds, I'd be the first to make a public disclosure. I have much more to lose than gain from this."

From the preliminary audit, Goldman acknowledged that the majority cost factors involved I.A.T.S.E. union workers ... stage hands, symphony orchestra, Bowl box office people, security personnel, the Bowl rental itself, fireworks display, and advertising costs. "Even the insurance company brokers waived their commissions," he stated, "and the audience was not papered either" ... only the press received free passes.

L.A. Times, Sac. Bee, Support Gay Teachers

by George Mendenhall

The largest and most influential newspaper in the West, the LOS ANGELES TIMES, had editorially called upon the public to "ignore" the anti-Gay teacher initiative sponsored by State Senator John V. Briggs. It has been joined by the powerful SACRAMENTO BEE.

Questioning the constitutionality of the initiative itself, the TIMES called it "loosely worded and maliciously inclusive," saying that if it became law it would mean that teachers "could be dismissed out of hand simply for exercising on their own time their constitutional rights of advocacy." The TIMES concluded, "The best advice for California voters is to ignore this backward-stepping initiative if they are asked to sign it, and reject it should it qualify for the ballot. Our hope is that the U.S. Supreme Court, in time, will extend the protections of that law to all other states where homosexual teachers are threatened by inequitable, arbitrary and insensitive regulations."

The SACRAMENTO BEE, the most widely read newspaper in the Central Valley, repeated a stand which it took after the defeat in Miami: "Homosexuals need no special ordinances to protect them because as citizens they are guaranteed their own civil rights by the U.S. Constitution. Thus they should not suffer discrimination in housing or

employment ... The Supreme Court's refusal to hear the James Gaylord case (the Tacoma, Washington, teacher who lost his job after stating that he was Gay) calls into question this assertion."

The BEE was chagrined at the Supreme Court decision, "which gives comfort to deny homosexuals jobs ... It is difficult to regard the Supreme Court's action as anything but a distinct retreat from the principle that citizens are entitled to equal protection under the law."

The actual wording of the initiative, as presented in a condensed form on the initiative petitions, denies employment to people who have had oral or anal same-sex in public, or for having "advocated or promoted private or public homosexual acts." It established a hearing procedure for teachers who are accused of being homosexual.

Briggs is currently moving across the state, attempting to rally fundamentalist Christian groups to circulate petitions in churches. Specific charges against some of these churches, who are violating federal internal revenue laws involving tax exemption, are being filed by the Pride Foundation of San Francisco.

Court Ruling: Gay Can't Be Kept From Gays

LOS ANGELES - A judge ruled last week that an admitted homosexual may not be barred as a condition of probation from associating with other homosexuals because it violated his constitutional rights.

Municipal Court Judge Jack Tso signed an order revising the terms of probation for Edwin Womble, 37, to state generally that he must obey all laws.

A petition had been filed by attorney Thomas Coleman of the National Committee for Sexual Liberties demanding lifting of probation terms imposed last year, which barred Womble from associating with known homosexuals or frequenting places where they congregate.

Coleman had declared in court that he himself was a known homosexual, and that the terms would prevent him from meeting with Womble to discuss the case.

Reacting to yesterday's action, Coleman said: "Needless to say, we're very pleased with it, and we hope we can work out some sort of plan with the county attorney to see that this sort of thing doesn't happen again."

Womble had been charged with lewd conduct, then pleaded no contest to a reduced charge of trespass.

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Los Angeles Gay Liaison Appointed

LOS ANGELES - Don Amador, Urban Anthropologist and Gay Studies pioneer, has been named to the city's top Gay post following "several months" of interviewing and screening by Mayor Tom Bradley and his staff.

Amador, 34, is generally considered a "trailblazer" in the national Gay community due to the success of his Gay Studies courses - the first in the country - which today are offered at three Southern California universities. The recipient of the U.S. Navy Meritorious Award as well as several community service awards, Amador holds an M.A. in Urban Anthropology from California State University, Los Angeles. Besides developing Gay studies, Amador has spent the past eight years researching Gay communities and recently authored "Gay L.A.: An Anthropological Perspective," an attitudinal survey of Gays and non-Gays in Los Angeles.

As Los Angeles' first "full-time" Gay Liaison, Amador feels it is most important to, "Be aware, honest and open," he says, "and remember the key to understanding lies in functioning as a positive model for Gays AND non-Gays alike."

Some of Amador's overall goals include offering seminars on Gay culture and history to other community representatives as well as elected officials, while he continues to teach Gay people their roots. "Gays are probably the only minority who know virtually nothing about their own cultural roots, and yet we desperately need as much information as possible to offset fear and discrimination," Amador states; "But no one else is going to teach us our roots. We have to do it ourselves!"

Among other interests in Amador's life are his father, Richard, and his mate of nearly eight years, Tony Karnes (the three live together in the Los Feliz area in Los Angeles). Last April Amador ran for a vacant California State Assembly seat as an open and qualified Gay person. Quickly becoming a national spokesperson, Amador is set for a major profile in PEOPLE Magazine later this year, and is widely sought for speaking engagements.

Elaine Noble Won't Run For Re-election

BOSTON - Elaine Noble, 34, the first up-front Lesbian to win an elective office in the United



Rep. Elaine Noble

States, will not seek re-election next year, an aide said recently.

The aide said Noble will give up her seat in the Massachusetts House of Representatives because her father is ill.

Carla Brewington said the withdrawal had nothing to do with last week's defeat in the state legislature of a homosexual civil rights bill.

"If anything, the setback would make her want to come back," Brewington said.

Because Noble's Boston district recently was merged with a neighboring district in the Back Bay section, her withdrawal will avert an election fight with a friendly fellow Democrat.

Barney Frank, who represents the neighboring district, supported Noble when she ran for election in 1974.

The merger was part of a reduction in House membership from 240 to 160.

ELAINE NOBLE

B.A.R. political reporter Wayne Friday commented, "Some Boston political observers felt

that Noble would stand little chance of being Frank in a Primary and there are suggestions that is the reason she has decided against seeking another term."

Irene Stanton, an aide to Rep. Noble, told me this week that Noble's withdrawal had nothing to do with last week's defeat in the state legislature of a bill introduced by Noble that would have banned discrimination against Gays in civil service jobs in that state. Noble was criticized at the time for spending too much time out of the state instead of being in the Massachusetts State Capitol fighting for the bill. The bill was defeated on a 129-93 vote despite having the backing of the Democratic leadership as well as many top Republicans.

Stanton told me by phone that the decision to withdraw was, in the aide's words, "a temporary decision," and she would not elaborate. Noble's office told me the lawmaker herself was visiting her seriously ill father in another state and would have no further comment on her decision to quit elective politics in the Bay State.

Advocate Gives Award (Cranston A No Show)

"He said Alan was uncomfortable getting the award. Cranston wants to get re-elected, and he doesn't think this is the way to do it. That's unfortunate."

Flander said Cranston's staff included a "prominent leader of the Gay community," and he pointed out that the Advocate was a "commercial enterprise" that decided alone whom it would honor.

Goodstein said he "did not wish to embarrass my good friend Alan Cranston" and added that Cranston had done much to earn the award. "He's the only one who's been even willing to meet with us in the Senate. He gives us what most people expect to get from their elected representatives but Gay people don't normally get."

Oregon Gay Move

SPRINGFIELD - At Oregon's recent AFL-CIO conference, Roger Auerback, President of the Oregon Federation of Teachers, introduced a proposal calling for AFL-CIO to support legislation prohibiting job discrimination on the basis of "an individual's personal and political differences." Explicit in the proposal was sexual as well as political preference. The proposal seemed to be an offshoot of last June's OFT convention in Waldport, at which a similar proposal was passed supporting job protection for Gay teachers. While the AFL-CIO proposal was voted almost unanimously not even to be discussed, the very fact that it reached the convention floor was taken by Auerback and Gay rights supporters to be a real victory.

Judge Rules Pro-Gay

SEATTLE - King County Superior Court Judge Francis Holman has made what may be a landmark decision in placing a 15 year old runaway youth in the foster care of a Gay man of his own choice. This decision is contrary to the wishes of the youth's parents, who wanted their son placed in a jail for young people. According to a UPI story printed in the Oregon Journal, "The youth ran away from his home in Bellevue last year and met his foster parent at a downtown Seattle club frequented by homosexual youths. The man worked there as a bouncer ... The youth was arrested for stealing a car and placed in the Youth Center."

"I guess there was a snafu with Cranston's office," said Publisher David Goodstein. "Long after there was anything we could do about it, we were led to believe he was unhappy with the award."

Another Advocate staff member said he had talked to a member of Cranston's staff recently and discussed whether the senator would attend the luncheon.

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Italy's Homosexuals Still in the Closet

ROME - The disco is loud. The door is guarded by and trendy. Lights flash two burly types. Those and sparkle to the beat. entering are closely scrutinized, mostly in loose, tattered. Tourists are stylish whites, bump and readily admitted if they seem "passable," but Italians are detained if unknown and told this is a private club. Tonight their gold chains and wedding bands glisten as they move.

The front door is barricaded and patrons must exit through the rear.

This is a Gay disco - the only one in Florence. The atmosphere is one of caution. Gay men wearing wedding bands are symptomatic of life for male homosexuals in Italy today. It isn't easy. Everything in Italian society militates against open homosexuality.

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Machismo is entrenched. The Catholic Church continues its 1500-year campaign against Gays. The nuclear family (male dominated) is the most powerful social institution in Italy, despite apparent radicalization and a strong vocal feminist movement.

Marcello is 28 and a teacher in Pistoia, a town near Florence. He has known that he is Gay for several years, but has kept this fact from his parents, brothers and sisters with whom he lives. He has had few Gay lovers. Recently he rented an apartment in Florence with a Lesbian friend. This will afford him a chance to be with his four or five Gay friends away from family scrutiny. The apartment will also be a place to bring the occasional lover. His family believes he is having an affair with his female friend. Pressures for them to marry are mounting. If the administration at his school learns he is a homosexual, he will be fired immediately.

Yet Marcello thinks of himself as liberated because he openly goes to the Gay disco and has managed to move from his family without marrying. For Italy, Marcello has come a long way. The vast majority of Italian Gays lead double lives.

Many succumb to social pressures and marry. Gay life is carried on under a veneer of heterosexuality. For example, Paolo, who lives in Rome, is obliged to go out and make love to women though he prefers to relate sexually to men. He is afraid of what his family would say if he did not have an occasional female date.

Ironically, the same conventions that restrict him give the Gay husband the freedom to go out when he wishes with impunity. It is a man's world. Italian women have been staying home with the bambini for generations.

Where do Gay men go?

The large cities such as Rome abound in public meeting places. Dusk finds the Lungo Tevere (along the banks of the Tiber) crowded with strolling men hoping for a pickup. The bushes in the Circus Maximus, a large park, creak and rustle, betraying to the knowing the brief, mostly anonymous sexual liaisons taking place beneath the orange Roman sky. There are cinemas where silent gropings vie for attention with the second-run movies - a scene reminiscent of the most seamy Times Square film houses.

The more liberated may attend discos which are found only in the large northern cities.

The majority of sexual encounters are fleeting, speechless. Names are rarely exchanged. In urban centers homosexuals may form couples or even be out of the closet, but only to a circumscribed circle of close friends.

In many ways conditions are similar to the United States before the Gay liberation movements of the late 1960s. Secrecy, isolation, self-depreciation and fear bubble under the surface of seeming heterosexuality.

The attitude of the police toward Gays does not help assuage fear. Recently a young Roman named Marco was apprehended by the police on one of their periodic sweeps through the bushes in the Circus Maximus. They threatened to charge him with acts against "public morality" (there are no laws against homosexuality per se). Even though he is a social progressive, he feared public exposure and embarrassment to his family.

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Marco was blackmailed by the police for several months until they lost interest in him. His story is not unique. Blackmail and bribery of Gay men at the hands of the police is common. Marco is sure that they keep lists for future use of those who have been caught. Although there is little chance of an arrest or conviction for defiance of the "morality codes," the toll exacted through fear may be more devastating.

The only organizations for gay men are political and leftist. Universities boast no Gay student unions as in America. There are no clubs for Gay professionals or workers as one may find in California. The FUORI (meaning "out"), an acronym for Fronte Unitario Omosessuale Rivoluzionario Italiano, is the largest and most vocal Gay group. Organized in Turin in 1972 by Angelo Pezzana and others, FUORI is a broad-based Gay rights organization with chapters in most northern and a few southern Italian cities. Its members are mostly leftists (a large group in Italy) who agitate for Gay rights, although no bills have been presented to the Italian Parliament.

The FUORI is active mostly through the non-ideological civil rights-oriented Partido Radicale. Small Gay collectives have sprung up in various cities as more radical alternatives to the FUORI.

Even FUORI is small in relation to what must be the general Gay male population. It is that population, symbolized by the married men at the disco, that continues to suffer worst from the country's heterosexual orientation.

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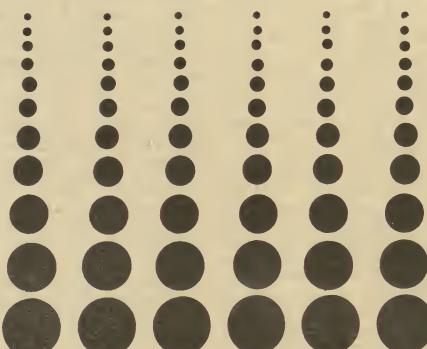
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Politics & People

Milk For Supervisor — District 5

by Wayne Friday

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dates are and you get a different reply from each of them. In my opinion, the four most likely to win are up-front Gays Harvey Milk and Rick Stokes, and the two "straight" candidates, Terence Hallinan and Bob St. Clair.

St. Clair, a former 49'er football player, Mayor of Daly City, and a two-term Supervisor in San Mateo County, now owns a liquor store in Noe Valley. St. Clair is probably the most conservative of the lot, has little Gay support, and the question I always want to ask him when he stands before neighborhood groups and talks of his great "record" on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors is simply, "If he was such a good Supervisor in San Mateo County, why the hell did the voters kick him out of office?"

Hallinan, a lawyer living in the Haight, comes from a distinguished family and seems content to run on just that: money, support from the Demo Party bosses, and the family name. Neither St. Clair nor Hallinan are known as champions of Gay rights. That brings us to the two remaining front-running candidates, Harvey Milk and Rick Stokes.

Both Milk and Stokes have served on the Board of Permit Appeals. Stokes was appointed to replace Milk when Milk was fired when he decided last year to run for the State Assembly. Both can stand before you and recite things they have done for the Gay "movement" until they are blue in the face. Both are sincere and well meaning. The comparison stops right there.

I live in District 5 and will mince no more words about why I will be voting for Milk on Election Day. The man is a natural leader. He has guts, cares about people - all people - straight and Gay; but above all he is his own man. Milk has shown his independence time after time; he owes nothing to anyone. Certainly not the people who run the Democratic Party, the Chamber of Commerce, or those who run City Hall itself. A recent story in the BAY GUARDIAN was even entitled "Who's Still Afraid of Harvey Milk?" The story listed all of the party hacks, the downtown money interests, the politicians - all of them scared as hell of the "independence" of Harvey Milk.

An outstanding indication of Milk's ability to work with other people came right in his own district the days immediately following the June 7 election in Miami. At the time of the Miami disaster, Rick Stokes, by virtue of his status on the most important City commission, was the "ranking" Gay person in this City; he (Stokes) was thrust into the position of potential leadership, but how did he handle it? Stokes did not use his position or influence to organize any meetings or attend those



Harvey Milk - A Leading Candidate in District 5.

that were organized. He Milk seems most comfortable when he is there - six days of marches there where the action is following Miami. He did nothing whatsoever to indicate that he understood or cared about what took place in Miami - not a damned thing.

On the other hand, Harvey Milk was there every night when those frustrated, volatile people marched, Gays and straights alike. He was there to lend whatever support and understanding he could. On the Friday night following Election Tuesday in Miami (the night when things threatened to get out of hand on Castro Street and nearly two thousand people sat down in the street and refused to move) it was Milk that the police from the Mission Station went to and asked to speak to the people. It was Milk who got on the police public address system from a patrol car and told those angry marchers that, yes, he too shared their frustration and anger; yes, he too understood how they felt, but that he also realized that we were blocking the street, disrupting the Muni system, and asked for cooperation with the police, who were themselves cooperating with the problem. Only after Harvey Milk assured those people that he would march with them the following night (Saturday) did those nearly two thousand people agree to disperse and leave. The next night Milk and nearly three thousand marched, ending with a final rally on Castro Street. The police of the Mission Station will confirm this incident gladly.

That, my friends, is what leadership is all about. Where the hell was Stokes during all of this? Ask him the next time he tells you how he has fought for our cause.

Milk has been accused of being a "street person." He replies, "Better the streets than the closets."

It is small wonder that not only Gay groups from GALA to SF Gay Demo Club, the Minutemen Democratic Club, the Sentinel, B.A.R., as well as others, have endorsed Milk, while Stokes failed to get the endorsement of his own political club, Alice B. Toklas Demo Club.

The same type of sensitivity regarding the Gay community carries over into other issues - the Gay Community Center. Harvey testified several times against tearing down the Gay Community Center to be replaced by a parking lot. Milk argued for the Center while Stokes told members of Alice Toklas Club that he would have testified of the need for more parking at that site - even though it would have meant demolishing the Center (coincidentally, of course, that Stokes' law office happens to be across the street).

It doesn't stop just in the Gay community; probably the one reason that many think Milk will win

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this time is his strength in the straight community as well. He has done his homework - for years. Hundreds of neighborhood people have come into Milk's store over the years to ask favors, help, advice, and Milk has always been there to do what he could for them - be they Gay or straight. Many have returned to see what they can do to help Milk's campaign.

To have the largest and most politically important Mexican group in the City - Mexican-American Political Ass'n (MAPA) - endorse a Gay candidate speaks well about Milk's ability to reach out to others and the list goes on and on to the Firefighters, other unions, neighborhood groups, a group of senior citizens, and others.

Within the Castro area it was Harvey Milk who understood how to lead, and that is why the merchants group that he helped form - the Castro Village Ass'n - is now the largest neighborhood association in the City. The Castro Street Fair is another concept of Milk's that speaks well for the spirit and ability this man has to work with others and get things done.

The money Rick Stokes is spending on his campaign is appalling - an estimated \$70,000 by election day - for a job that pays \$9,000. Milk finds that kind of spending offensive. He says, "Obviously, Stokes has missed the whole meaning of what District Elections is about." The BAY GUARDIAN quotes Stokes campaign treasurer, David Clayton, as explaining that the money is needed because Stokes did not have the "name recognition" possessed by Milk. The GUARDIAN then noted that "by the same token, however, name recognition is partly a function of how active someone has been in the community, a factor district elections should hopefully reward." The GUARDIAN this week enthusiastically endorsed Milk stating, "Milk has shown a rare kind of political courage and dedication by hammering away at issue after issue, year after year. He richly deserves the chance to do the same from a seat on the Board of Supervisors." The GUARDIAN continued, "We believe Harvey Milk to be the best of a good group. The fact that he happens to be Gay means his election would insure one of the last barriers to public office in California would be overcome. Vote for Harvey Milk."

I heartily concur with the BAY GUARDIAN's assessment of Harvey Milk.

Politics & Poker

Reportedly David Goodstein and his "political crony" Jim Foster contacted Dave Kopay in Washington and urged him not to come and meddle in local politics by cam-

paigning here for Bob St. Clair - it's none of their business who Kopay campaigns for; and it makes us wonder why the same rule didn't apply when they dragged Boston's Elaine Noble here to stump for their man ... Jim Reilly definitely the bet for City Attorney; and Kay Pachtner for City Treasurer ... Ronald Reagan reportedly unhappy that his son dropped out of Yale and enrolled in a L.A. ballet school; hmhummm ... Art Agnos reportedly supporting Gary Borvice in District 6 - tell me it isn't so, Art ... There are reports now the man who hit the Bigot Bryant in the face with a pie recently was not Gay but was, instead, a plant by the Bryant people to create publicity and some sympathy for the OJ Queen - skeptics noted it was done at a well-staged

press conference, and also the fact that her husband sat at her side during the entire incident and made no move to assist Bryant. Add to that the fact the pie thrower was not arrested, and it could well have been a set-up ... Barry King looking more and more like a winner in District 4 ... Carol Ruth Silver deserves the support of Gays living in District 6 ... Despite what appears on any of Stokes' campaign literature, Supervisor John Molinari has repeatedly stated he has endorsed no candidate in District 5 ... Word from the Haight has it that while candidate Hallinan attends coffee klatches at Gay homes, the same Gay neighbors are not invited to his gala cocktail hours...

Wayne Friday

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Open Notebook

Is The Closet Overcrowded?

Jack Warner

The subject came up again the other evening. Where does society draw the line between homosexual interests and heterosexual interests? The conversation was inspired by a recent column by John L. Wasserman in which he talked about Rudolf Nureyev's exposed penis in the movie "Valentino." In response to a question about when he had seen the penis, Wasserman made a joke: "Well, let me see. The

first time, I think, was in '71. The men's room at Trader Vic's, as I recall. Some of the guys were in there and, you know, somebody got out a tape measure, and . . . ah well, that's another story."

One of my friends was impressed by the fact that the next couple of paragraphs in the column talked about John Holmes and the size of his penis. Said my friend: "Why are straight men so fascinated

by other men's cocks? Isn't that a form of homosexuality, too?"

"Of course it is," another friend said. "Anything that is a matter of cock-to-cock is homosexual. That's what Germaine Greer was talking about when she complained that all men are homosexual."

"But no straight man would accept that definition of homosexuality," I protested. "All men are interested in cocks - their own, first of all, then other men's by way of comparison. But they wouldn't call their interest homosexual."

"Cock-to-cock is homosexual," my friend insisted.

Is it perhaps really so? This is a question that has never been satisfactorily answered, and as long as it isn't answered there will be a lot of misunderstanding. In a society more honest about homosexuality, I daresay that most Gay men wouldn't care. They know where they personally stand on the subject of other men's cocks. But as long as straight men insist on disparaging homosexuality, the unanswered question is bound to matter.

It matters because Gay men are persecuted for doing some of the same

things that straight men consider "normal" behavior. Walk into any straight men's room and notice what is going on. Men are looking at each other's cocks, and some men are deliberately showing their cocks for inspection. Think about groups of young men comparing cocks and going out in packs to pick up and "make it" with girls. Are they turned on by the girls or by each other?

We might also think about the kind of young men who go out queer-beating. They go in packs, too, don't they? And if the act of beating up a queer isn't essentially a cock-to-cock act, what is? The focus of attention is on the cock and its uses.

Still, all of these things don't fit into society's beliefs about what homosexuality is. The plain truth is that cock-to-cock interests are called homosexual when they belong to men labeled homosexual and heterosexual when they belong to men labeled heterosexual. Which is to say that the interests are not allowed to contribute to society's definition of homosexuality.

There is good reason, I think. To admit that cock-to-cock interests are essentially homosexual would be to admit that what Germaine Greer and several other people have suggested is true - that there is a possibility that all men are latently homosexual. And that is precisely what is feared. I even find myself hesitating to say it - hence my reluctance to agree with the argument of my friends. It is a possibility that most men - and women - don't want to consider.

Why not? Because it goes against everything we have been taught to believe about sex for at least 2000 years, because it goes against the entrenched and vested interests of a male-dominated society.

But it is a possibility that ought to be considered, I think, not only because it may tell us what homosexuality is, but also because it may tell us what ANTHOMOSEXUALITY is. If men are all latently homosexual by nature and deny it, then we can understand why so many of them are disposed to persecute homosexuals.

In his book "The Psychopathic God," Robert G.

L. Waite claims that Hitler persecuted homosexuals as a means of denying his own latent homosexuality. If we are to believe that this was true of Hitler, is it too much to believe that it might also be true of other men who persecute homosexuals? A person who is sure of his own sexual interests isn't driven to persecute other people in a futile attempt to convince himself that his interests are really something else.

Think about it. Perhaps homosexuality is purely a matter of what you are willing to admit to.

Kopay To Campaign

Ex 49'er Dave Kopay will arrive Oct. 29 to spend four days campaigning for various political causes and candidates including a benefit for Pride Foundation at the Grand Opening of the new I-Beam Disco on Haight Street; an event with Gil Graham, candidate for City Attorney; a raffle drawing at Oil Can Harry's for Barry King in the 4th District; and other events with Carol Ruth Silver (District 6) and Bob St. Clair (District 5). Kopay comes here on his way to Seattle where he will be participating in a talk-show on Gay Life Styles and narrating a new sex education film.

Kopay's entry into the local contest has caused controversy, particularly in District 5. According to an editorial in the S.F. Sentinel, prominent Stokes supporters including San Mateo publisher David Goodstein sent telegrams to Kopay telling him to stay out of local politics.

Said one political observer, "Kopay would chiefly hurt the Stokes campaign. Stokes and conservative Bob St. Clair are drawing from the same political base, and any Gay voters switching to St. Clair would be deserting Stokes."

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Milk Forum

Running Against A Moralist

by Harvey Milk

Rick Stokes, in two different public "debates", stated that the only reason he was running against me was that I had used a ten letter word, denoting a sex act, during the heat of a large "get out the vote" I held for George Moscone in my own store.

When it comes to profanity, some of our best presidents have been known for their salty language. Some of our worst used it only behind locked doors. Lincoln and Truman were up-front about it; a hypocritical Nixon used the morality line in public and swore like a trooper when he was in seclusion with his toadies.

Yes, I've used profanity, the same words that you do. I hardly make a point

of being profane, but in the heat of enthusiasm and passion I sometimes do. And I'll tell you something else, I'm not a secretive person. People know how I feel about them.

I would like to think that the occasional profanity indicates much more than a profane person. I think it's also an indication of a passionate person, an enthusiastic person, a person who's not afraid to show feelings, a person who is a fighter - a person who believes enough in their causes to swear by them and about them.

In the days ahead, we'll need fighters. The backlash is here. The right-wing churches, more concerned with the state of a

person's bank account than the state of that person's soul, have joined a mean-minded, narrow-gauge politicians in proclaiming that discrimination is not only desirable and legal, it's somehow Christian. Briggs isn't a future threat, he's a present menace.

And the day after tomorrow? If Briggs wins, then tomorrow will see Gays restricted to stereotypes. Gay ghettos - occupationally speaking, residentially speaking, and (worst of all) psychologically speaking - will be founded the day the Briggs initiative passes.

I would be lying if I said that profanity does not tremble on the tip of my tongue when I think of Briggs and his initiative. Frankly, I would lose respect for anyone if profanity didn't also tremble on theirs.

I don't think you need as your supervisors persons who wince at the use of strong language. I don't think it's time for "Mr. Nice Guys" as our leaders against Briggs.

We need fighters. We need red meat and strong drink for what lies ahead. It will be one of the filthiest, meanest, most vicious fights in American political history. Whoever leads you will be slandered in public and vilified in private. There will be jokes about them, sly innuendos. And though you may not realize it, investigative reporters will crawl about the darker corners of the Gay community and devote columns - with photo stories to match - of the so-called degradation of our community.

It's going to take strong souls to stand up and be counted. And it's going to be true not only for whomever you elect, it's going to require guts and courage on all our parts. It will be too late to go back into the closets.

I think, in the words of one not-so-immortal leader, that something should

be made perfectly clear. than the state of that YOU are involved up to your necks. It's not just a fight between office holders and Briggs. It's YOUR fight. YOU are going to be in the front lines battling a thousand years of prejudice, hatred, myth and misunderstanding. YOU are pitted against the strongest, deepest prejudice that Americans have. And you're going to need the strongest, most courageous leaders you can elect.

We spent all summer fighting a moralist in Miami. We will be spending all winter and spring fighting a moralist in California. I don't think we can afford a moralist in our own back yard.

I've confronted Briggs on TV. To watch him and hear him are experiences all should have. We now have a tape of our TV confrontation running all day long at Castro Camera. It is an eye-opener. You will have a chance to judge for yourself just what Briggs is and my ability to stand up to him. I invite you in to see it, to see how in the heat of "debate" - not speaking from a set speech - I will be if you vote for me.

Julie Harris On Briggs

LOS ANGELES - Renowned actress and member of the NEW A.G.E. Advisory Board, Julie Harris has been contacting her friends on behalf of Human and Gay Rights. The actress is sending hundreds of letters to friends to help raise dollars to fight the Briggs Initiative (a minimum of \$600,000 is being sought) and to urge them to join her, through NEW A.G.E., to make their voices heard on behalf of human rights.

"We must do everything possible to stop this insanity," Harris states. "The Save Our Children organization is bringing its campaign of hate and intolerance to California. We cannot afford another McCarthy era in our country."

Ms. Harris continues, "This dangerous initiative strongly evokes the vivid memories of the McCarthy era, which so deeply scarred many of those within our industry. The initiative's ambiguous provisions give endorsement to a possible witch-hunt capable of destroying the careers and very lives of not only thousands of our Gay and Lesbian educators, but those of thousands of non-Gay educators dedicated to human rights."

"This destructive initiative will make it against the law for homosexuals to be teachers, teachers aides, administrators, or counselors in our California school system. As the initiative itself states, anyone who is advocating,

Alice Votes On Propositions

The Alice B. Toklas

Democratic Club has endorsed a "Yes" vote on 9 of the 22 City propositions that will appear on the November 8 ballot, endorsed a "No" vote on 2, and took no position on 11 of the measures.

The most expensive issue, Proposition C, stirred the most diverse arguments among Alice members. Supervisorial candidate Carol Ruth Silver (District 6) argued that this measure, if passed, would bring more expansion to an already ever-expanding airport, would create a debt of half a billion dollars, and leave us with an airport capable of handling as many people as Chicago's O'Hare Field. Silver questioned whether we wanted that many people moving in and out of San Francisco. Jane Murphy, San Francisco's newest supervisor, rebutted: "This proposition is not about expansion. It is about safety!" Vowing to always fight any needless expansion that would bring pollution to our Bay and air, she extolled the many safety programs, such as more firemen and fire-fighting equipment, that would benefit if the airport bond issue passes. But the proposition did not receive the required vote for the club's endorsement. (60 percent of the votes cast is required for endorsement.)

The club favored cutting the term of the City's appointed Chief Administrative Officer to ten years (Proposition F) and requiring the Mayor of San Francisco to give up all other business and professional activities while serving as chief executive (Proposition E). San Francisco's supervisors, who are each now permitted to hire two personal administrative assistants from the City's civil service ranks, would be allowed to hire one of those assistants from outside civil service ranks at no extra cost to the city, if Proposition K passes in November, which is what the club hopes will happen.

Proposition U, one of three declaration of policy propositions to be on the ballot, was supported by the club. U is designed so that the supervisors can ascertain the public's feelings about whether the City should purchase the International Hotel and remodel it for use as low-income housing. The Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club thinks it should.

Propositions M, N and W also received endorsing votes and the club supported a "No" vote on Proposition R. No position was taken on A, B, G, H, I, J, L, O, Q, S, or V.

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Behind the Headlines

Rick Stokes: The Logical Choice

by George Mendenhall

Several years ago, before anyone ever heard of Harvey Milk, I met a young, Gay activist working for his degree in law at U.C.-Davis. In fact, I met him many times in Sacramento and in San Francisco because we traveled in the same circle - a few people who were working with legislators and professional associations to win acceptance for Gay people. This person won my immediate respect because he was steady, plotting and talented in winning acceptance among the people we needed - and still must have - to achieve Gay liberation.

One of Rick Stokes' faults, if it can be called that, is that he was - and is - a cool, methodical worker who is willing to give a great deal of his legal talent and argumentative skills where it counts - but where it may not make the headlines. It is not surprising that he has been on the boards and heads of committees in some of our most important Gay organizations for many years while his most significant Gay opponent has been making headlines. Unlike Milk, Stokes has not been trying to find the reporters. Instead, Stokes has been seeking out and winning politicians and professionals who have and will do the most good.

Harvey Milk has been attempting to discredit the many supporters that we have in public office because they support Rick Stokes, doing Gay liberation a serious disservice. At a time when we should be encouraging those who support us, Milk has been publicly attacking those elected officials to win office for himself.

There is a need for some headlines, but the headlines which this writer wishes to see is that we have achieved our equality as respected and fully accepted Gay people. This will be done primarily by playing a professional, sophisticated political game of which Harvey Milk has never been even a participant. Every elected politician and professional knows this, but some in the Gay community still follow the sensational headliner, a modern times Pied Piper.

The hierarchy of the Methodist Church. The established Gay organizations that have won respect over the years. Politicians and activists who have been around for some time. They all know Rick Stokes and they will be voting for him in District 5. There is a reason: it is known as being effective in order to achieve our goal.

* * *

The well-financed political Right in this country, exposed in a brilliant series of articles by Sasha Gregory-Lewis in the ADVOCATE, is the biggest threat to Gay liberation. This reporter has just returned from three weeks in Sacramento, which is one of the centers of the fundamentalist Christians who support the Briggs initiative to bar Gay teachers.

On my first day in Sacramento I received a ticket for jaywalking. The officers treated me like a major criminal, taking my name and address into a little black book, doing a police check on me and lecturing me as if I were a mass murderer... Later I read that the ACLU was challenging the city's new loitering law in the courts. This law prohibits anyone from congregating, clearly in violation of the constitutional rights of citizens. It even prohibits a person who is ordered to leave a particular place from returning to that place for 48 hours.

As the week progressed, I read an interview with the local sheriff who said, "A queer is a queer." When I asked a Sacramento friend how such a nut got elected to office, he replied, "He was the more liberal of the two candidates."

The news media quote the police, who make outrageous anti-Gay statements regularly. Sacramento police reported a murder in a park restroom, which "is frequented by homosexuals." The elderly male who was murdered AND the murderer both became "alleged homosexuals" without any evidence... Later, when a "mad rapist" committed his 25th rape, the newspapers speculated that he could be actually a latent homosexual, unable to relate to women properly.

In this atmosphere, candidate Rick Stokes founded the first Gay organization and went public as a Gay person. He did this in Sacramento years ago - long before many of us had "come out." That is the kind of dedication and courage that we need at City Hall.

NGTF Urges Gays To Support Extension Of ERA Deadline

NEW YORK - The National Gay Task Force has issued a call to support a bill introduced this week in Congress which would extend the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment for seven years (until March

1986). The bill, introduced by Elizabeth Holtzman (D-NY) and Margaret Heckler (R-MA), has the support of 15 of the 18 Congresswomen and 100 members of Congress who have indicated strong support of the bill in their local communities during the Congressional recess in November.

O'Leary noted that the bill is a crucial civil rights issue which should be supported by all major women's organizations and members of Congress at the present time. It is believed that a simple majority, rather than a 2/3 vote, will be needed to approve the deadline extension in Congress.

The deadline extension, if approved by Congress, will in no way affect efforts to get three more states to ratify the Amendment by the original deadline of March 1979. The extension is merely a "back-up procedure."

Jean O'Leary, NGTF Co-Executive Director and a member of the International Women's Year Commission, who represented NGTF at the White House briefing, commented afterwards: "It is vitally important to get behind the proposal to extend the ERA deadline



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Carol Ruth Silver Statement On Gay Issues



I supported and actively worked for repeal of the laws criminalizing homosexual behavior, both as an individual lawyer and through the San Francisco Bar Association's Barbers Club Non-Victim Crime Committee.

While his legal counsel, I supported and aided the efforts of Sheriff Richard D. Hongisto to better the lot of Gays in the County Jail.

I have been a long-time member of the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club.

I aided the Gay community by serving as election officer for community elections to the Gay Health Board.

I have participated in the Gay Freedom Day Parade for at least the past three years.

I support legislation outlawing employment discrimination against Gays.

Episcopalians

Retreat

FORT ST. LUCIE, FLA. - The Episcopal Bishops have adopted a theological statement that condemns homosexuality, bars the ordination of homosexuals to the priesthood and forbids priests from blessing Gay marriages. However, the Bishops declined to censure Bishop Paul Moore of New York for ordaining Lesbian Ellen Marie Barrett as a priest last January. The censure of Bishop Moore was tabled after the Bishop read an impassioned statement in which he warned that such a resolution could set off a "McCarthy-like purge" of Gay people serving in the church.

In their theological statement, the Bishops maintained that the Bible "rejects homosexual practice" and that the church, therefore, "is right to confine its nuptial blessing exclusively to heterosexual marriages." The statement made the distinction, however, between "advocating and

practicing" Gay people who the Bishops said could not be ordained as priests and persons with a "dominant homosexual orientation." The second group could, according to the church statement, serve as priests if they remained celibate.

The Bishops also overwhelmingly adopted a "conscience clause" that would allow Bishops or priests who do not agree with the church's decision to ordain women priests not to comply with that decision. The action means that no Bishop can be required to ordain a woman and that individual Bishops could bar a woman priest from their dioceses.

- Gay Community News

Students Respond To Briggs

The student members of the Gay Academic Union of San Francisco State

classified ad.

This initiative will place substantial limitation on the civil liberties of all teachers in California.

- Law professor Don Knutson

University, supportive faculty, and other concerned groups, have announced a unity meeting November 5 in response to the Briggs Initiative, which would require the dismissal of every Gay teacher in the state as well as all Gay teacher's aides, counselors, and school administrators.

This unity meeting is intended to be a time for Lesbians and Gay men from various communities to assess their strengths and to plan responses. "As students and faculty," says the GAU, "it is our responsibility to assist in any way possible in the effort to stop Briggs. We do not see the Briggs Initiative as an isolated incident but as part of an ever increasing campaign against the hard won progress being made by ethnic minorities, women, and workers, as well as Gay people."

The meeting on Saturday, Nov. 5, will be held at the Student Union, San Francisco State University, from 10AM to 4PM.

BRIGGS INITIATIVE

Editor:

John Briggs' initiative petition to deprive Gay teachers of their jobs is a first-class threat to Gays - and the attitudes he represents are a threat to all minorities. We need to prevent the circulation of this petition by churches because Briggs is extremely vulnerable to this particular strategy of opposition. Circulation of initiative petitions by churches, if challenged, causes them to lose their tax-exempt status. Separation of church and state implies that churches are not taxed on the money they take in and, in return, they refrain from political activi-

ty - specifically circulating petitions. This was an effective strategy against the petition to repeal the "consenting adults" law.

We need to keep a low profile on this as long as we can, hopefully to prevent its becoming a media issue, because presently attention, voters, and petition signatures are exactly what Briggs needs most. This is not the battle to fight in the news, nor, for now, at the ballot box, especially because recent public opinion polls are discouraging on this particular subject.

We need time to build our strength, support, unity and determination, and we must move to oppose Briggs right away.

Yours,
James Leverett, Jr.
San Francisco

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"Open Doors"

by Rev. Stan Roberts

It is difficult to see "silver linings" when the clouds are so dark. However, it is important for us to accept the doors that are open due to our present opposition. More people are discussing sexual identity and human rights than have ever in the history of civilization embraced the subject. Here in the Santa Clara Valley we are experiencing an unbelievable number who are asking questions and seeking new answers.

It was particularly important to us when we moved into our new church home last month to have Mayor Janet Grey Hayes attend our open house and worship service. The Mayor called me the next day and asked for information on homosexuality and employment. The Mayor's doors are only a few of the doors that are beginning to open; the question is, "How many of these doors are we going to walk through with positive information in hand?"

If we are going to make the most of this opportunity, we must respond to every invitation to educate the general public. Our county coalition has developed a fine speakers' bureau to meet the growing demand for information. It is important to note that the majority of open doors will slam shut in ignorance if individuals don't recognize their responsibility to be informed and share constructive positive information with those who are willing to listen. In the Santa Clara Valley we believe that the only way to combat the negative forces of oppression is to go through so many doors with the right answers that it changes things at the ballot box.

We asked for it. Now we have found the "chance of a lifetime" to expose this nation to THE TRUTH ABOUT WHO THEIR CHILDREN ARE.

The doors are open; let's go through them before they close!

Coalition Supports Gaylord

SAN JOSE - June Genis, co-chair of the Santa Clara Valley Coalition for Human Rights, last week attacked the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to review a Washington State appellate decision which allowed a local school district to fire a teacher solely for being a homosexual. "It's unthinkable," said Genis, "that at a time when this issue is being hotly discussed in almost every state in this nation, the country's highest court doesn't want to comment." Ms. Genis indicated that she expects the court's action to add fuel to the Briggs Initiative's fire here in California. "It's going to be harder, but we're prepared to work harder. The creation of any sort of second-class citizenship in this country must be opposed with every ounce of effort we can muster," she said.

The Coalition has adopted a Statement of Purpose which opposes government intervention into freedom of choice of lifestyle. High on its list

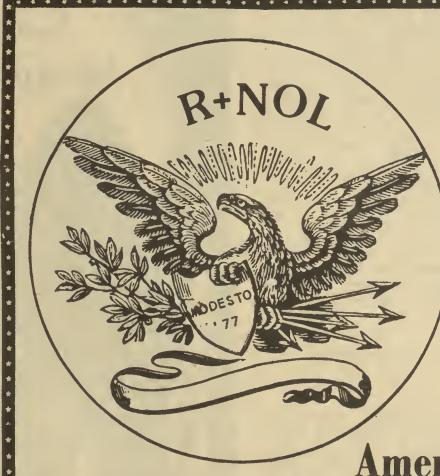
has many Gay friends, I think that the fears of those who don't want their children taught by homosexuals are unfounded."

Hayward

by L.W.

Hayward had yet another first! On Sunday, Oct. 16, Hayward Equal Rights Organization (newly formed) had its first function. A well-planned picnic at Don Castro Park. The weather was warm and sunny, the turnout was great. Everyone brought chicken and salads. There was plenty for everyone.

There were hard-fought but friendly volleyball games all day and an egg throwing contest in which the winners received a case of beer. The beer was donated by Jack Hulsey of the Mission Possible (which is, by the way, a nice place with Happy Hours during the week and after hours on Friday and Saturday - check it out). It was just great to see all those people turn out to help kick off the Hayward organization's first fund raiser.



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The Cystic Fibrosis Benefit held at the "WE" Junction last week netted \$531.08, of which \$185.08 was in the form of a check donated by the "customers of the 'WE' Junction on opening night." Additional monies are to be donated in a few days by Barbara, Val, Gail & Joyce of the "Winemasters." They have had a bucket on their counter for donations to Cystic Fibrosis.

I reported in the last issue that the benefit would be for 8 year old Michael, but since his doctors are not able to provide written medical proof that he indeed has cystic fibrosis but is

thought to have an asthmatic condition, the monies will be donated to Cystic Fibrosis Research.

Mr. Don Holmes and Mr. Bob Stewart will receive the check from the "WE" Junction and will, in turn, write a letter of receipt.

On hand for the benefit were lots of local talent: Jan Byrd, June Bug and Tanya Phimshik - among others - helped to make this a worthwhile evening.

REDWOOD CITY/ PALO ALTO

The Answer in Redwood City will have their 2nd Anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 5, with lots of surprises in store. Toni, Charles and Shilo will be on hand to make this a fun evening.

If you have not been to

the Whiskey Gulch Saloon county with 100,000 Gay late, stop in and take a people more than 200 gander at the new stage. would attend. Congratulations to David Stewart, former teacher and up-and-coming Gay person, who has been appointed to the street for after hours at the Garden.

CUPERTINO/SAN JOSE

The benefit show at the Sundown Saloon for Ed Paulson's Muscular Dystrophy drive netted \$222 and the auction at the Desperados netted \$317. Thanks to personalities like Billy de Frank, Tiny (a new star on the scene who sounds like a famous western/soul singer), Czar Dee, Czar III Jill, Ms. Cowgirl 77-78 Mickey and Mr. Cowboy 77-78 Van the benefit at the Crystal Saturday evening was a success - \$461 was raised, bringing the total for San Jose contributions at bar functions to \$1,000.

Elaine Noble's appearance last week was well worth attending. I was, however, disappointed at the low turnout. One would think that in a

tion. Contact Ed Paulson, Jack or Jim of the Turf Club at 881-9877; they will tell you how to get the articles to them.

Jose & Friends will put on two shows on Nov. 5 with all proceeds going to Muscular Dystrophy. These shows will be at 12:30 and 2:30AM, after hours at the Mission Possible. The \$1.50 donation includes a beverage ticket. Please come out and support muscular dystrophy on the 5th.

The Driftwood Lounge, located next to The Fox on Mission Blvd. in Hayward, will hold a 50's Party/Benefit for Muscular Dystrophy on Nov. 8 starting at 8PM. Prizes will be given for the best 50's male and female costumes as well as a 50's dance contest. The \$1.00 door charge will be donated to M.D.

HAYWARD

Don't forget, Nov. 10 is the date for the 16th Annual Ed Paulson Muscular Dystrophy Show & Auction at the Turf Club starting at 6PM (to be extended after hours if need be). Articles are still needed for the auc-

The Brave Bull is having a three-day Halloween Spectacular. On Saturday the 29th and Sunday the

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30th prizes and trophies will be awarded to the best individual and best group costume. On Monday the 31st, winners from Saturday and Sunday will have a run-off for the Grand Prize and trophy. This is also the official unveiling of the Bull's new disco sound equipment.

The Mustang Club has its 11th Anniversary on the 29th along with a show. Stop in and wish

Shirley and the crew an overwhelming for us to allow." The city has 31 miles of public beach.

Modesto's Coronation Weekend is Nov. 11-13. Robert Jacobs, representing the Nude Beaches be held Friday at the Committee, said the fight Holiday Inn starting at 8PM. The Coronation on Saturday will be held at bigots." He said an initiative American Legion Hall will begin to on S. Santa Cruz Ave. A get the matter back on Victory Brunch will be held back at the A.L. Hall on Sunday at 11AM. The Brave Bull will be open after hours on Coronation Weekend with a birthday party at midnight on Friday for Empress Marlene. San Francisco's Randy "Motormouth" Johnson of Febe's fame will MC the coronation, which will have a Roman theme. For information call (209) 526-3048 or (209) 527-0905.

Gene

NUDE BEACH BAN OK'D

SAN DIEGO - The San Diego City Council, going along with the results of a city ballot, voted Oct. 5 to ban nude bathing on Black's Beach.

Supporters of nude bathing immediately announced plans for massive civil disobedience and lengthy court fights to challenge the council's decision.

The council voted 8 to 1 to implement the ban.

Councilmember Maureen O'Conner, who cast organized by an Indianapolis minister, Jerry Falwell, and state legislator Don

Fear of rejection, at the root of so much Gay isolation alienates us from each other and often makes us mean.

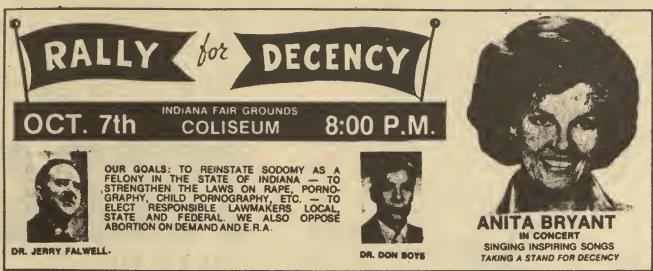
- John Rechy



RIP TAYLOR, billed as "The World's Funniest Comedian," to star at Beaux Arts Ball at the Civic Auditorium, October 31.

Anita Bryant Again

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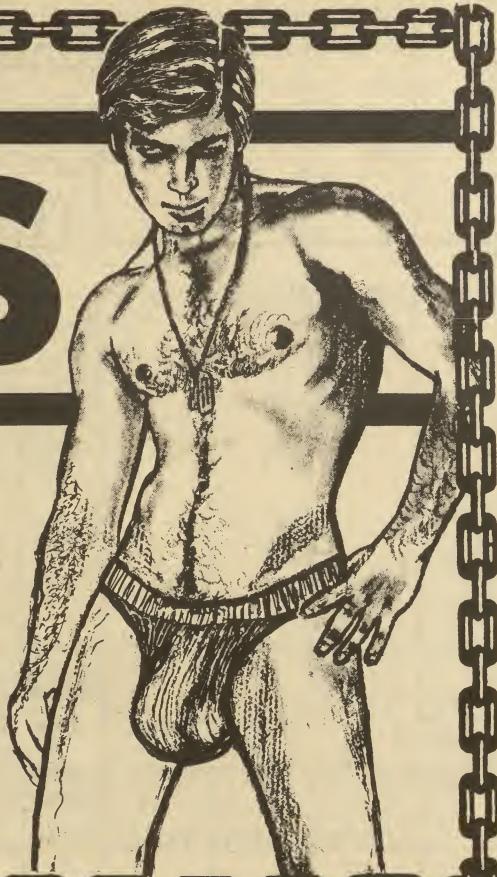
Some 5,000 Hoosiers attended an Indianapolis "Rally for Decency" Oct. 7. The rally was met by 650 Gay and Human Rights protesters. The rally was organized by an Indianapolis minister, Jerry Falwell, and state legislator Don

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